

About Gunditjmarra

Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd is an independent community based not for profit Aboriginal Community Controlled Organization located in Southwest Victoria.

Gunditjmarra provides culturally safe, strength based, social, health and wellbeing programs and services at all life stages- from cradle to grave.

At Gunditjmarra we are committed to:

- ✓ Provide intensive support to clients, carers and families
- ✓ Client centered approach in all interactions
- ✓ Be active and strong advocates on behalf of clients and families
- ✓ Have culture at the centre of everything that we do
- ✓ Link community members in with wrap around service support.



GUNDITJMARA IS A CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION AND IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM ABUSE.

GUNDITJMARA PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR CLIENTS EXPERIENCING AND OR NEEDING ASSISTANCE WITH:

- Family Violence
- Health via the Gunditjmarra Health Service
- Homelessness
- Social and Emotional Wellbeing
- Family Support Advocacy
- Justice system
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Leaving Care transition
- Playgroup (Kooramook)
- Maternal and Child Health
- In Home Care Support
- Social Engagement Activities



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

KOORI PRE SCHOOL ASSISTANT (KPSA)
CULTURAL ADVISOR

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Providing Koorie Cultural educational programs to kindergartens, both council and private organisations, in the Warrnambool, Moyne and Corangamite shires.

The KPSA provides:

- Regular sessions to kindergartens within the three shires, Warrnambool, Moyne and Corangamite.
- Advise to kindergarten teachers regarding Cultural resources available and upcoming events
- A list of scheduled visits for each term to the kindergartens and Childcare Centres with a kindergarten program, which is emailed prior to the start of each term.
- Prepared lesson plans for each school term including materials required for any craft activities. These are emailed to each kindergarten program prior to the start of each term.
- Interactive sessions where the children can join in the activities.
- A Dreamtime story & craft idea, along with a short write up of the story that kindergartens can attach to children's work week prior to sessions.
- Ongoing support and encouragement for teachers to implement Aboriginal Culture into their ongoing curriculum
- The sharing of Aboriginal Culture through the telling of stories, games, local language, song, dance, art and child appropriate generic history
- Information to kindergarten teachers of any changes to the schedule or if we are unable to attend a particular session
- Regular contact with each kindergarten to discuss any queries or issues that may arise.
- Support for Aboriginal children to enrol in kindergarten
- One on one support with kindergarten children who may have barriers to attending and remaining engaged with kindergarten.

Referral pathway – kpsa@gunditjmara.org.au

The program receives an updated list of aboriginal children enrolled in Warrnambool City Council and Shire kindergartens at the beginning of each year. Requests can also be made directly from Early Childcare Centres who have Aboriginal children enrolled in their kindergarten programs, such as Goodstart, North Edge, Honey Pot etc.

Parents can self refer via calling 5559 1234 and asking to speak with the KPSA worker or Alternatively pop into the at office at 135 Kelper Street Warrnambool to have a Yarn on how we can best support you.

Statewide family violence 24/7 crisis service – safe steps Family Violence Response Centre. Call: 1800 015 188. Available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Sexual assault support – Sexual Assault Crisis Line (SACL) Call: 1800 806 292

For perpetrators – Men's Referral Service (MRS) Helpline. Call: 1300 766 491 (available 9am - 9pm Monday-Friday).

For female victim survivors – Victim Support Agency (VSA) Victims of Crime Helpline Call: 1800 819 817 or Text: 0427 767 891. Available 8am – 11pm, 7 days a week.

For LGBTI victim survivors – Switchboard (QLife Counselling and Referral service). Call 1800 184 527. Available 3pm – midnight, 7 days a week.

Telephone Counselling – 1800RESPECT. Call: 1800 737 732. Available 24hrs, 7 days a week.

Djirra – Aboriginal Family Violence and Legal service. Free call 1800 105 303

West Division Intake – Rural and Regional only 1800 075 599. Business hours: 8:45am – 5pm

Outside of business hours if you want to have a yarn, contact Yarning Safe n Strong 1800 959 563. It is a 24/7 free and confidential phone crisis line for Aboriginal people and families who need to have a yarn with someone about their wellbeing.

